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SUBJ: PREPARATION FOR THE 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE
(WARC)

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1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM MR. PABLO SANABRIA, REGIONAL ITU REPRESENTATIVE, RESIDING IN GUATEMALA. MR. SANABRIA EXPLAINED THAT 1979 CONFERENCE WILL BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE SINCE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY THE CENTRAL AMERICAN POSITION WAS PRESENTED WAS IN ATLANTIC CITY 30 YEARS AGO.

2. THE POINTS OF PRIMARY INTEREST FOR THE CA REGION ARE THE FREQUENCIES FOR SMALL COUNTRIES, PROBLEMS OF INTERFERENCE, USES OF THE RADIO-ELECTRONIC SPECTRUM, AND COMMUNICATION FROM LAND TO SHIPS FROM COASTAL STATIONS. ACCOMMODATION TO THESE POINTS WILL MEAN A CHANGE IN FREQUENCY BANDS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE AGREED UPON BY ALL CONCERNED.

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3. MR.SANABRIA STATES HE HAS TRIED TO CONTACT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN EACH CA COUNTRY. HIS IMPRESSION IS THAT RESPONSES INDICATE THERE IS MUCH TIME AHEAD FOR PLANNING BEFORE 1979. MOST CONTACTED OFFICIALS WILL NO LONGER BE IN OFFICE AND, THEREFORE, HAVE LIMITED CONCERN.

4. THE ONLY CONTACT WHICH HE FEELS WILL BE OF IMPORTANCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS THE COMISION TECNICA REGIONAL DE TELE-

COMUNICACIONES DE CENTRO AMERICA (COMTELCA). THIS ORGANIZATION IS COMPOSED OF THE DIRECTORS OF STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES IN EACH COUNTRY. IT WAS FOUNDED IN MANAGUA IN 1966. AFTER NICARAGUA'S EARTHQUAKE THE REGIONAL OFFICE WAS MOVED TO GUATEMALA, AND AFTER GUATEMALA'S EARTHQUAKE THE OFFICE WAS MOVED BACK TO MANAGUA. THE PRESENT DIRECTOR IS ING. ALLAN BUSTILLO, BUT HIS APPOINTMENT TERMINATES AUG. 31 OF THIS YEAR. ELECTIONS FOR A NEW DIRECTOR WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPT. 5 IN SAN JOSE. AS A CONSEQUENCE, COMTELCA WILL BE IN A REORGANIZATION. MR.SANABRIA SUGGESTS THAT A CONTACT BE MADE WITH THE NEW COMTELCA DIRECTOR IN OCT. HIS TERM MAY EXTEND THRU 1979.

5. CONCERNING THE WORLD CONFERENCE, MR. SANABRIA BELIEVES THE CA COUNTRIES WILL PRESENT THEIR POSITION AS A GROUP. THERE IS A PROBLEM COST AND DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH THE COUNTRIES MUST BUDGET FOR.

6. IN GENERAL , MR.SANABRIA DOES NOT BELIEVE THE US CAN DO TOO MUCH UNTIL AT LEAST OCT. HE STATES THAT HIS PRESENT CONTRACT WILL END IN DEC. 1977.

7. HE BELIEVES GUATEMALAN PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RADIO TRANSMISSION AND THE HEAD OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT REGULATORY AGENCY. (MR. SANABRIA REQUESTED A COPY OF THE FIFTH NOTICE OF INQUIRY WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO HIM.)
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